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The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" No, as the commissioning now in progress of additional generating plant at Madurai and Pykara will ease the position in future years."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Has any representation been received by the Government about the great unemployment caused to the workers in Cheruvannur Cotton Mill, etc., on account of the power cut, and in printing presses and publications like *Mathrubhumi*, *Desabhimani*, and, if so, what steps the Government have taken to satisfy the demands of the workers in the industry and newspapers of Kozhikode? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have no information at present. I can tell the hon. Member that whenever there is a power cut, inevitably workers will suffer hardship."

Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Though the power-supply for industrial concerns is cut do the Government know that cinemas are having three and four shows daily and will the Government consider restricting this and supplying more power to industrial concerns? " 8–40 a.m.

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" Supply of power is restricted, Sir."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, there is a diesel oil generating set in Mangalore in the possession of the Government. That can be commissioned for the purpose of generating electricity. Similarly, fresh diesel generating sets can be ordered, which are cheap, and there is no question of use of coal involved in this thing. Therefore, will the Government consider this matter for the purpose of augmenting the supply of electricity? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" Is the hon. the Leader of the Opposition putting the question with regard to the supply of power to South Kanara? "

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Diesel oil generating set can be commissioned there. There is no difficulty."

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" Then, we shall consider the question."

Allowances to the families of constables in detention.

* 132 *Q*.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Government have sanctioned any, and if so, what allowances to the families of those constables of Madras City who were arrested and detained recently?

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The matter is of course receiving the attention of the Government."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the families of those constables who are detained are allowed to remain in the official quarters? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The question is of detention. But when the constables are dismissed, their families will have to vacate."

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to reinstate some of the constables who have been suspended from service on the result of some enquiry . . . ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" This does not arise out of the main question which relates to allowances to the families of constables in detention. I have no objection however if the Hon. the Chief Minister is prepared to answer it."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, the allegations were enquired into and the constables were found to be above suspicion. But they have not been reinstated even after the lapse of six months from the date of completion of the enquiry. Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to inquire into such instances in the City of Madras? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Hon. Members are not correctly informed. The constables are being released much more quickly than hon. Members know. But if it is a question relating to any other matter I want fresh notice of the question."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKAESWARLU :—" పోలీసువారికి ప్రధానంగా పోలీసు ఉద్యోగస్థులలో పైకి పెద్ద అయినటువంటి చీఫ్ కమీషనరుమీద complaints, grievances ఉన్నట్లు మనకు తెలుస్తున్నది. అలాంటప్పుడు ఈ చీఫ్ కమీషనరుయొక్క రిపోర్టుమీదనే ఆధారపడి పోలీసు constables ను dismiss చేయడం సరిగా ఉంటుందా? కనుక ఈ విషయముమీద ముఖ్యమంత్రిగారు శ్రద్ధ వహించి విచారణచేసి, ఈ చీఫ్ కమీషనర్ రిపోర్టుమీద ఆధారపడి dismiss చేసినటువంటి Police constables ను తిరిగి ఉద్యోగములో పెట్టడానికి ప్రభుత్వము ఆలోచిస్తుందా ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am not prepared to allow the hon. Members to exploit this situation."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" There is no answer to my question, Sir."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" That is the only answer that I can give, Sir—I am sorry to say—when charges are made without any basis that it is the officers that were at fault and not the constables."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" గవర్నమెంటు ఎంతమంది constables ను arrest చేసి detain చేసింది, ఎంతకాలము ఉంచింది, ఇంకా ఎంతమంది డిటెన్షనులో ఉన్నారు. వారిని విడుదల చేయదలచుకుందా, లేదా ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have given all these figures sometime before."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Is the Hon. the Chief Minister aware that by refusing to answer the question, he is defeating the very object which he has in view? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am trying to do my best to preserve the interests of the Government, Sir."

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SRI S. VEMIAH :—" May I know what the estimated expenditure in this matter is? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I assume the expenditure is in connexion with the allowances to be given. If so, my answer is, ' Not more than the salaries that they were getting '."

Powers of Presidents of panchayats.

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri S. Narayanappa, who gave notice of the question, is not in his place. So, the question along with the answer will be printed in the official proceedings."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Inspector of Local Boards has issued a circular to all the panchayats regarding the powers of presidents when they are in charge of executive functions; and

(*b*) if so, the full details of the circular?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The circular contained instructions to Executive Officers that in making delegation of their powers to the presidents, the following items should be excepted, viz., appointments and punishments of staff and grant of leave except casual leave to them, conduct of auction sales, acceptance of contracts, participation in the business of any statutory committees, final disposal of pending files, modification of orders previously passed by the Executive Officer, revision of taxes and grant of licences."

* 134 Q.—SRI P. RANGASAMI REDDIAR :—" I am not putting the question, Sir."

Nayanar's Boys' Home at Pazhayangadi, Malabar.

* 135 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Boarding Grants given to Nayanar's Boys' Home at Pazhayangadi, Gopalapuram, Nediyiruppu and Chelode and also to Nayanar's Girls' Home, Eranhipalem, Malabar, or to any one of them has been stopped;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(*c*) whether the Government have received any representations regarding such stoppage, and what action has been taken on the representations?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The boarding grant sanctioned to the Nayanar's Boarding Home at Chelode alone was stopped during the year 1951–52.